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Staff meeting.

Ned Crocker, [redacted] home after having been Ambassador in Iraq, came [redacted] to see me.

Afterwards Alan Kirk called, and we discussed when he would take over as Director of PSB. He thinks it would suit him best to do so about September 15.

Carl Humelsine and a group talked this afternoon about various personnel changes [redacted] to be made in our [redacted] missions. The most pressing [redacted] is to find someone to replace Muccio in Korea, as he has already been there considerably beyond [redacted] normal time. If we can disentangle Ellis Briggs in Czechoslovakia, we would like to recommend him to the Secretary for appointment.

The Bohlens, E. and myself went to meet Alice and Dean at the airport. The President was there. They arrived safely in the Independence after their 18,000-mile trip.

Tonight the Jameses came to dinner with us, and we sat up until about 1:00 o'clock looking at the Republican Convention proceedings on a small television set [redacted] E. had borrowed. It was [redacted] exciting, particularly that part which dealt with the allocation of Georgia's delegates. The Eisenhower supporters won this contest, and a little later the Taft strategists capitulated to Eisenhower on the disputed Texas delegates.

Earlier in the day, Senator McCarthy [redacted] delivered one of his usual disgraceful speeches to the Convention.

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